and the steps taken to clear more gas-based projects to meet the State's requirements?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) The details of daily requirement of gas, gas linkages sanctioned for gas based stations of power utilities in Gujarat and power generation from these stations are as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of the station	Capacity (MW)	Requirement of gas (MCMD)	Gas linkage (MCMD)	Power Generation during 4/91—2/92 Target (Million units)	Actual (Million units)
1.	Dhuvaran/ Gujarat Electricity Board	2×27	0.42	0.42	270	237
2.	Utran/ Gujarat Electricity Board	39	0.25	0.25	227	212
3.	Vatwa CCGT/ Ahmedabad Electricity Company	3×33	0.40	0.40	507	281
			1.07	1.07	1004	730

While the full gas requirements of Dhuvaran and Utran Stations are met, in the case of Vatwa station, till February, 1992, the gas supply was 0.2 MCMD to 0.24 MCMD, and therefore, the station was operating at about 50% capacity. In the month of March 1992, 0.3 MCMD of gas is being supplied to the power station. The balance requirement of gas can be met after the completion of drilling of additional wells.

Gas linkage has been sanctioned for the following gas power projects for implementation in Gujarat:—

Name of the project	Capacity (MW)
i. Kawas Stage-I/NTPC	644
ii. Utran/GEB	135
iii. Gandhar Stage-I/NTPC	650
iv. Gandhar Stage-I/GEB	615

Fall in the demand of Indian tea in Russian States

*286. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fall in the demand of Indian tea in the Russian States has affected tea units in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to take some remedial steps in this regard;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (e) It is too early to assess if there is a fall in the demand for Indian Tea in the Russian States as the economic situation in these states is yet to stabilise. However, Government have already initiated remedial steps and trade protocols have been signed with Russia and Uzbekistan. Steps are also being taken to encourage diversification of India's export to other countries including West Europe, WANA region and North America. Industry delegation have been sponsored to secure markets in other regions. With these efforts it is expected that tea units in India will not be adversely affected.

Further, despite lower offtake of Indian tea by Russia, the exports of Indian tea during April '91 to January '92 was estimated at 186.37 Million kgs. valued at Rs. 1014.30 crores indicating an improvement of 4.58 Million kgs. in terms of volume and Rs. 29.34 crores in terms of export earnings compared to corresponding period of 1990-91.